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SUBJECT: PRC "TWO-COLUMN" TARIFF

REF: A) PEKING 927, PARA 5 (NOTAL); B) PEKING

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979 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. PRC TARIFF ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS STATE THAT MINIMUM IMPORT DUTIES WILL BE LEVIED ON GOODS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE CONCLUDED RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH THE PRC, AND ORDINARY (HIGHER) RATES, ON THOSE WHICH HAVE NOT. ON SOME ITEMS WHICH U.S. FIRMS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SELL TO THE PRC THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO RATES RUN FROM TWO TO FIVE PERCENT UP TO 10 TO 20 PERCENT. END SUMMARY.

1. THE IMPORT AND EXPORTS TARIFFS OF THE CUSTOMS OF THE PRC, AND THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PROVISIONAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE IMPORT AND EXPORT TARIFFS OF THE PRC CAME INTO EFFECT ON MAY 16, 1951, HAVING BEEN APPROVED ON MAY 10, 1951 BY THE 83RD ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING OF THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI.

2. IN THE 1951 PRC TARIFF CODE THE TWO COLUMNS FOR IMPORT DUTIES ARE ENTITLED (1) MINIMUM, ZUI-DI (2584/0144), AND (2) ORDINARY, PU-TONG (2528/6639). ARTICLE 4 OF THE MAY 4, 1951 REGULATIONS ON PROVISIONAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE TARIFF STATES THAT THE MINIMUM RATES SHALL BE LEVIED ON GOODS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE CONCLUDED RECIPROCAL TRADE TREATIES OR AGREEMENTS WITH THE PRC AND THE ORDINARY (HIGHER) RATES, ON GOODS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT. THESE PROVISIONS ALSO APPLY TO GOODS SENT BY POST, BUT THE MINIMUM RATES MAY BE APPLIED TO GOODS BROUGHT IN BY TRAVELERS FOR PERSONAL USE. ARTICLE 5 STATES THAT DUTY IS LEVIED ON THE BASIS OF THE C.I.F. VALUE IN CHINA OF THE GOODS, I.E., THE NORMAL WHOLESALE PRICE OF THE GOODS AT PLACE OF ORIGIN, PLUS EXPORT DUTY, PACKING, FREIGHT, INSURANCE AND COMMISSION.

3. THE FOLLOWING ARE EXAMPLES OF SOME ITEMS THAT U.S. FIRMS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SELL TO THE PRC TOGETHER WITH THE PERCENTAGES FOR THE TWO TARIFF RATES (AS REVISED THROUGH 1961). AGRICULTURAL TRACTORS, 7.5/10; MOTOR TRUCKS, 20/25; MOTOR CARS, 60/80; AIRPLANES 5/7.5; WHEAT 17.5/20; MAIZE 25/35; SOYBEANS 50/70; MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES AND TUBES 40/60; TURBINES 7.5/10; AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY 7.5/12.5; MINCING MACHINES 12.5/15; OIL WELL DRILLING MACHINES, PETROLEUM RELIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FINERY MACHINERY, AND ACCESSORIES, 7.5/10; BULLDOZERS, ETC., 7.5/10; MOST MACHINE TOOLS, 10/12; AND PHOTOGRAPHIC FILMS 40/60.

4. "SUPPLEMENT TO SURVEY OF CHINA MAINLAND PRESS" NUMBER 94 OF JUNE 7, 1962, CONTAINS 71-PAGE TRANSLATION OF PRC TARIFF CODE AS REVISED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1961, AS WELL AS THE 1951 PROVISIONAL ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS WHICH

APPARENTLY WERE UNCHANGED AND STILL IN FORCE.
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